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1. A directive by the Ministry for Machine Building¹ which was made public at the VVB RFT Leipzig on 2 March 1953 indicated the following changes in the management of the RFT plants:
 - a. The Electrical Engineering Main Administration was dissolved. The VVBs RFT, IKA, and VEM were transferred to Berlin and reorganized into three main administrations subordinate directly to the Minister for Machine Building.
 - b. Preparations for the execution of this regulation were scheduled to be concluded by 25 March 1953. The transfer of VVB RFT documents to Berlin was scheduled to be made individually by the various departments on 1 April 1953.
 - c. The new main administrations were scheduled to have regulating and controlling functions in the field of planning, material supply, and production control, and exercise controlling functions without regulating functions concerning the turnover of goods as a result of the actual economic independence of the plants. No decision had yet been made as to whether the control of contracts would rest with the contract office of the Ministry or the sales departments of the new main administrations. It was also still unclear whether the existing legal departments of the VVB would be taken over or whether legal affairs would be dealt with by the legal department of the ministry.
 - d. The transfer of the staff of the VVBs to the main administrations was to be handled by the personnel departments. In February 1953, the RFT VVBs had about 140 employees, including about 70 party members, 30 to 35 of whom were to be taken over by the new RFT Main Administration. These persons were to be selected essentially from political points of view.
 - e. It was not yet decided whether a VVB RFT Development Department would be established for all development work of the RFT Main Administration.
2. In late February 1953, Hegemann (fnu), Hero of Work, who had been employed at the RFT Fernmeldewerk Arnstadt, was named chief of the RFT Main

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Administration which was being established with the Ministry for General Machine Building. Boettcher (fnu), formerly production manager of VVB RFT, was scheduled to become production manager of the RFT Main Administration.

3. On orders of Helmut Wunderlich, Minister for General Machine Building, all plants were inspected for possibilities of capacity extensions by a group of engineers in February 1953. The results of this inspection were scheduled to be evaluated at the Ministry for General Machine Building on 7 March 1953. The chief of the RFT Main Administration said that, according to the Minister, the investment funds required for the capacity extension could be raised on short notice. [redacted] Scholze (fnu) of the Progress and Technology Department of the Ministry for General Machine Building told the works management of a radio plant he visited that the ministry planned a vigorous separation of producing plant and development offices with a view to the eventual establishment of nationalized development plants. In connection with this plan, Scholze requested a tabulation showing which production funds would have to be scheduled to separate the development department from the producing plant. [redacted] at a conference of all works managers and personnel chiefs of the RFT, VEM and IKA plants held in Leipzig, Minister Wunderlich announced new personnel directives which demanded that only members of the SED or NDPD (National Democratic Party) be employed in responsible posts and positions concerned with armament orders, with exceptions permissible only by the minister.

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4. The Ministry for General Machine Building attempted to transfer to RFT Main Administration the Hohenwerke, Werk HF, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, and Funkwerk Erfurt which belonged to the Radio Main Administration.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Probably the Ministry for General Machine Construction is meant.

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